

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 11, 12 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being fully anticipated by U.S. patent application 2003/0038035 (Wilson, et al.). The Examiner objected to the other pending claims, which were Claims 13-16 and 38, as being dependent from rejected base claims, and the Examiner indicated that these Claims 13-16 and 38 would be allowable if appropriately re-written.

In order to expedite issuance of a patent for the present invention, Applicants are herewith amending the claims to place the application in condition for allowance without further argument.

In particular, each of Claims 13, 14 and 15 was dependent from Claims 11 and 12, and each of these Claims 13, 14 and 15 is being rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of Claims 11 and 12. Also, Claim 38, which was directly dependent from Claim 37, is being rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of that Claim 37.


It is believed that these changes place Claims 13-15, Claim 16, which is dependent from Claim 15, and Claim 38 in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and to withdraw the objections to Claims 13-16 and 38 and to allow these claims.

All of the other previously pending claims – that is, Claims 11, 12 and 37 – are being cancelled.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications to continue the prosecution of the claims being cancelled herein.

For the reasons set forth above, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance, a notice of which is requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' Attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned.

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